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NEWS RELEASE

Gun Wielding Robber Contacted Victims on Craigslist

Date: 2/26/2016

Time: 11:48 a.m.

Offender: 24-year old Tavon Fluellyn of El Paso

Victims: 34-year old male, 32-year old female, 26-year old female

EL PASO, TEXAS: A 24-year old man was arrested on Friday after a three robbery spree of victims at gun point on the East side. Tavon Fluellyn established contact with all three victims through Craigslist postings in three separate transactions. On two he offered a cell phone for sale and on one he posed as buyer of a video game console. All three victims in each of the three cases agreed to meet the would-be seller/buyer in public locations. In the first case FLUELLYN provided a randomly selected residential address in the 4100 block of Hueco Valley as a meeting location. There he offered a cell phone for sale to a male victim. When the money was produced FLUELLYN threatened the victim at gun point and fled on a bicycle with both the money and cell phone. About two hours later, at the 3100 block of Lee Trevino, a female victim selling an xbox 360 was robbed at gunpoint by FLUELLYN who fled in a car. At about 10:00 p.m. FLUELLYN struck a third time, when he offered for a sale a cell phone to a female victim who contacted him through the internet posting. They met at the 1300 block of Lee Trevino where the female was robbed of her money while having the gun pointed at her head. This time FLUELLYN fled on a motorcycle. Pebble Hills Regional Command TAC officers, working plain clothes in unmarked police cars located FLUELLYN shortly after the third robbery and took him into custody without incident. A subsequent search of his residence led to the recovery of the stolen property and the handgun used in the robberies. Tavon Fluellyn was booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility charged with 3 counts Aggravated Robbery under a \$50,000 bond for each. Fortunately none of the victims were injured.

As a reminder if conducting these types of transactions, use extra precautionary discernment. Be skeptical of persons hesitant of providing their name or seem caught off guard when asked simple questions. Be familiar with the meeting location that should be public, and well lit with other people present. Know in advance the other's method of transportation and how they can be recognized and share that information with a relative or friend. Do not enter another's vehicle or let them enter yours.

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